



White Tailed Deer Fact Sheet #3 Deer Resistant Plants

Unknowingly we provide the whitetail deer with a growing menu of ornamental landscape plants, which in winter provide better nutrition than the plants in their native woods. Some favorites of deer are arborvitae, azaleas, coneflowers, daylilies, hemlock, mountain laurel, oak-leaf hydrangea, tulips, yew, and roses.

The following is a list of native and ornamental plants to consider that are seldom damaged by deer:

✿ Barrenwort	<i>Epimedium</i>
✿ Bee balm	<i>Monarda</i>
✿ Bleeding heart	<i>Dicentra</i>
✿ Blue star	<i>Amsonia</i>
✿ Boxwood	<i>Buxus</i>
✿ Butterfly bush	<i>Buddleia</i>
✿ Columbine	<i>Aquilegia</i>
✿ Daffodils	<i>Narcissus</i>
✿ Foxglove	<i>Digitalis</i>
✿ Globe thistle	<i>Echinops</i>
✿ Goldenrod	<i>Solidago</i>
✿ Hellebornes	<i>Helleborus</i>
✿ Hyssop	<i>Hyssopus</i>
✿ Jacob's ladder	<i>Polemonium reptans</i>
✿ Japanese maple	<i>Acer palmatum</i>
✿ Lambs ear	<i>Stachys</i>
✿ Lavender	<i>Lavandula</i>
✿ Lemon Balm	<i>Melissa</i>
✿ Montauk daisy	<i>Nipponanthemum</i>
✿ Moss pinks	<i>Phlox subulata</i>
✿ Mountain andromeda	<i>Pieris japonica</i>
✿ Norway spruce	<i>Picea abies</i>
✿ Ornamental chives	<i>Allium</i>
✿ Peonies	<i>Paeonia lactiflora</i>
✿ Poppy	<i>Papaver</i>
✿ Shrubby cinquefoils	<i>Potentilla fruticosa</i>
✿ Siberian arborvitae	<i>Microbiota decussate</i>
✿ White spruce	<i>Picea glauca</i>
✿ Yarrow	<i>Achillea</i>
✿ Ferns: cinnamon, royal, interrupted, maidenhair, Christmas, etc.	
✿ Herbs: basil, thyme, tarragon, mint, etc.	

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